

Lady Bucs rollercoaster their way to state



Rebecca Tweedy's pitching has helped the up-and-down Lady Bucs keep their shot at a title.

By Will Jester
Staff Writer

Defense wins championships and when the Shelton State softball team hits the field in the state tournament on April 29 in Alexander City, Ala., that's exactly what they will be relying on to achieve the state's top softball honor.

"Defense is the strength of our team," head coach Melissa Daniels recently said, "but we need to be more consistent with our batting," and with the state tourney just a few days away, the team will look to improve their hitting if there is a state championship in their future.

Three of the Lady Bucs have managed to nab individual honors.

Outfielder Anna Stanford, shortstop Molly Minton, and third base Ashley Whitmire

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The home stretch



Photos/ Brandon Lovett

Alicia Fields is, according to head coach Melissa Daniels, one of the team leaders for the Lady Bucs this season. Here she hits away towards the Shelton dome and clock tower during the last home game on campus.

Focus on Unity



Photo/Brandon Lovett

Shelton President Dr. Rick Rogers (L) and his special assistant, Dr. Cordell Wynn, meet at the new Unity Center on the Fredd campus. Both are excited by the facility's community potential.

Fredd honors past presidents at dedications



Photo/Brandon Lovett

Levert Hedgemon Jr. sings "Bless this House" during the dedication of the Unity Center on the Fredd Campus.

When former Fredd State president Norman Cephus had his first look at the Unity Center, he was shocked.

And who could blame him? By all accounts a low-slung brick building that once served as an upholstery-worker shop and as a storage facility was now the most attractive building in all of the college. Especially pleasing to the eye is the meeting room named after Cephus himself.

Three separate dedications on Friday, April 16 allowed for plenty of admiring views and many gratified and grateful words.

The 10 a.m. festivities began with the naming of one of the Fredd campus's main facilities, the cafetorium.

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Shelton Singers perform at Carnegie Hall



Photo/Brandon Lovett

Under the direction of Glinda Blackshear (above), a teacher of music and voice at Shelton, the Shelton Singers traveled to New York to perform at Carnegie Hall on April 3-7. The first time for the Shelton Singers to travel to Carnegie Hall was in 1990.

The Shelton Singers from Shelton State traveled to New York City to participate in a performance at legendary Carnegie Hall.

Under the direction of Glinda Blackshear, 20 members of the 40-voice choir participated in the Two-Year College Choral Festival April 3-7 in New York.

The Festival was directed by Maestro Duane Davis, Director of Choral Activities at Grand Rapids Community College.

Three days of rehearsals

led to a performance on April 6 of the Durufle Requiem with the New York City Chamber Orchestra.

The festival was by invitation only to outstanding two-year college choral programs from across the nation, and Shelton was the only college from Alabama.

"Not only did our students sing beautifully, but they represented our college and state so positively" said Glinda Blackshear. "This was a wonderful opportunity that I'm sure they'll never forget."

The Shelton Singers making the trip to New York included Julia Apodaca, Cassidy Evans, Robyn Mackey, Krystal Matthews, Katie Besant, Amy McLaurine, Laura White, Katie Lewis, Amber Cheung, Susanne Shepherd, Joshua Noland, Matt Gregg, Jonathan Pate, Patrick Allen, Kevin Beck, Blake Boyd, Chad Mills, Stephen Allred, Josh Jordan and Shane Prater.

"Shelton State's performing arts programs are widely recognized for their depth of talent and committed faculty," said Rick Rogers, president. "I'm delighted that audiences in New York had the opportunity to hear the wonderful music of our own Shelton Singers."

Auditions scheduled for musical Annie

Auditions for *Annie*, to be presented by Theatre Tuscaloosa are scheduled for April 26 and 27 at the Bean-Brown Theatre on the campus of Shelton State.

Auditions for children's roles will take place from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. each evening. Beginning at 7:30 p.m., adult roles will be auditioned.

Persons auditioning are asked to prepare a 16-bar vocal selection from a musical theatre song and to bring clearly marked sheet music for the selection in the proper key. All auditioners should also be prepared to participate in a short, group dance audition and should bring appropriate attire and shoes.

Children auditioning will not be asked to read from the script at the initial audition.

Numerous roles are available for actors of all ages. A copy of the script and libretto have been placed on reserve in the Shelton State Community College library and at the Tuscaloosa County Public Library.

Callbacks will take place on Wednesday, April 28 beginning at 6 p.m.

Directed by Michael Carr, *Annie* will be presented June 17-27. For additional information and a full cast breakdown, visit the Theatre Tuscaloosa website at <http://www.theatretusc.com/> or call 205-391-2277.

ShelTalk by AnTonio Nevels

Caught up in the draft

All I've heard lately is the sound of clocks; tick tock, tick tock, tick tock. That is the sound that most NFL fans are hearing until football season starts in September. From the end of January to the beginning of September can seem like an eternity to most fans. I like baseball, hockey, and basketball, but I love football.

That is why the NFL draft is so popular. Some seem to think that watching the NFL draft is the equivalent of pulling your bottom lip over your head, excruciatingly painful. Others, however, think that the draft ranks up there with the Superbowl itself.

So why is it that some people seem to love the draft so much? To try and put into words is almost unfathomable, but for the sake of argument let's give it a try. Our fascination with sports makes some of us do things we never imagined. In the beginning, fantasy sports were one of those things that only "nerds" did.

Fantasy sports give fans a chance to run their own franchise. Whether it's football, basketball, or baseball, fantasy sports are the latest craze.

"Fantasy sports generally help you predict future events for the game," says freshman Quentin Tinker. Though there's nothing like being the owner of a professional team, this is the next best thing. Video games such as Madden 2004 offer similar opportunities.

Likely, the biggest reason is because the season doesn't start until early September

Fans, such as myself, are counting down the time until football season starts again.

"The NFL draft just gives you a taste of what the season will be like," says Dr. Chuck Boening.

While watching the draft, you can only speculate how successful your team will be in the upcoming year.

"Will this be the draft pick that makes the team or will it be another Ryan Leaf?" Boening later asked.

The most neglected thing sometimes are the players themselves. First-round selection such as Eli Manning, Robert Gallery, Larry Fitzgerald, and Sean Taylor will be counted upon to make immediate impacts for the teams that took them. Those individuals are what some call "franchise" players. These players will be counted upon to resurrect franchises that have plummeted in recent years. The Arizona Cardinals haven't won a playoff game in over five decades and need contributions from their draft choices.

"I think that the NBA draft is bigger than the NFL draft," says Shelton State employee Tamara Gainous. If you look at things rating wise, the NFL vs. NBA match-up looks like a David vs. Goliath sort of ordeal, in which Goliath never loses. Parables aside, the NFL is above all the rest. However, with the NBA allowing high school players entering the draft perennially, it creates more drama and sometimes hysteria. You know how the old saying goes "More contro-



Antonio Nevels, sophomore at Shelton State

versy equals better ratings!"

This draft like no other before was filled with unpredictability and uncertainty.

Sometimes, coaches go as far as lying to each other so that they can fool one another. A couple years back, there was an incident where Hall of Fame coaches Dick Vermeil and Chuck Knox exchanged information on a prospect. Knox, in exchange for the information, drafted the player that Vermeil wanted one pick earlier. Not only do coaches lie to each other, but there are all kinds of last-minute trades that no one could have predicted. "Sports drama is the best kind of drama there is," according to Dr. Allen Mallory.

That, in short, is why we love the draft. I admit that is a bit long, but it's far from boring. I didn't even mention the scouts who evaluate the talent—and the statistician. Football fans around the world will be anxious to see how things work out in the later months. Until then, I'll hear those haunting sounds again; tick tock, tick tock, tick tock.

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The Courier is an equal opportunity employer and student organization. All students are encouraged to participate.

Hill receives Nursing League "Lamplighter Award"



Gladys Hill, director of nursing programs at Shelton, was presented with a "Lamplighter Award" on March 18 by the Alabama League for Nursing.

Gladys D. Hill, director of Nursing Programs at Shelton, was honored March 18 with a "Lamplighter Award" presented by the Alabama League for Nursing.

The "Lamplighter Award" is presented by the League to acknowledge those individuals who have made a substantial contribution to the cause of a better society. Individuals selected for this award display high professional and ethical standards in service to others, exemplify leadership qualities, consistently demonstrate a caring attitude in delivering quality nursing and health care, display support of the development and improvement of teaching, research and service programs and support the development of studies, projects and programs designed to impact the quality of life.

Hill began her career in nursing at West Alabama General Hospital in Northport. From there she embarked on teaching others the practice of nursing. The

last two decades of her career have been dedicated to nursing education.

From 1984 to 1994, Hill taught in the Associate Degree Nursing Program at Shelton State and in 1994 became Director of the Shelton State Community College Nursing Programs. She has successfully guided the nursing faculty and staff through a transition period as the college changed and grew.

Hill is active in the Alabama League for Nursing, the Alabama State Nurses Association, the Alabama Council of Administrators of Professional Nursing Education Programs, and the Alabama Council of Practical Nursing Educators where she currently serves as president.

She was recently appointed to the Alabama College System Project Q.P.A. Committee for Health Professions and the Advisory Committee for the Alabama Board of Nursing.

Hill is married to Jerome Hill and is the mother of two sons.

She is also active in her community and church, serving as vice president of the Hillcrest High School P.T.S.O. and president of the Nurses Guild at Weeping Mary Baptist Church.

Dr. Rick Rogers, president of Shelton State Community College remarked, "We are delighted that Mrs. Hill has been singled out for this recognition. Her dedication to nursing education is one reason our nursing program graduates have exceeded a 90% passing rate on the National Council Licensing Examination for the past three years."

Joan Kempster to retire from Shelton State

Shelton State Community College has announced the retirement of longtime faculty member Joan Kempster.

Kempster joined the staff of Shelton State in 1972 as a part-time instructor and was assistant dean of Student Services at the time of her retirement. She has also been employed by the University of Alabama as an instructor in the College of Education and from 1971 to 1976 served as

assistant director of Undergraduate Clinicals.

She received her B.S. degree from Florence State University and her M.A. and Ed.D. degree from the University of Alabama.

"Joan's contribution to Shelton State and education in West Alabama has been immeasurable. We wish her all the best in her retirement," said Rick Rogers, president of Shelton State.

Pickens Academy Graduates Create Shelton State's CY-BUCS Sign

After months of anticipation, Shelton State Community College opened its Cy-Bucs computer cafe on March 15 featuring a special aluminum sign created by two Pickens Academy graduates.

Josh Wilkins and Jamie Lindsey are sophomores in Shelton State's Computerized Numerical Control program and together they produced the sign from logo concept to finished product.

The CNC program uses computers to achieve automatic machine tool operation to manufacture parts to precise measurements. Students train on state-of-the-art equipment with lab conditions simulating those found in today's industries.

Students learn how to write programs using computer aided drafting and computer aided machining software to make their own setups, choose the correct machine for the job and accurately measure the finished product.

Ronnie Guy, head of the

computerized numerical control program at Shelton said, "This was a wonderful opportunity for these guys to tap into their creative side. Josh and Jamie are both great students. Not only do they make the grade, they both have good attitudes and an outstanding work ethic, the kind of students that you love having."

In order to produce the sign, the students first generated a drawing of the logo on a Cad/Cam software package called "Mastercam," then with the computer they wrote a program to machine the parts of the sign out of aluminum. A CNC milling machine was used to manufacture the parts.

With 12 computer workstations and a laser printer, all in a relaxed cafe setting with tables and booths, Cy-Bucs provides information services in a casual environment. In addition to computer access, food and beverages are available and encouraged in Cy-Bucs. For more information on Cy-Bucs, please visit its



Photo/Brandon Lovett

Josh Wilkins and Jamie Lindsey, sophomores in Shelton's computerized numerical control program, produced the Cy-Bucs Cafe sign from logo concept to finished product.

website at <www.shelton-state.edu/library/cybucshome.html>www.shelton-state.edu/library/cybucshome.html.



Photo /Brandon Lovett

Shelton State held its annual career day on April 15. Representatives from the Tuscaloosa Police Department were on site with the department's helicopter, a motorcycle, a patrol unit, the special response team van, a variety of weapons, and members of the dive team with their equipment. The department also had a recruiting table set up.



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Lining up to honor former Fredd president I.W. Mitchell (C) are (L-R) Bryant Melton, Dr. Cordell Wynn, Dr. Rick Rogers and Ronald Range.



Celebrating the naming of the Norman Cephus Conference Room are (L-R) Dr. Rick Rogers, Norman Cephus, wife Eloise P. Cephus and daughter Mattie Compton.

few months, the workhorse building served as both the campus's main meeting room and eating hall. As Dr. Cordell Wynn, special assistant to Shelton President Rick Rogers, said that morning, this was a momentous occasion—the first naming of a building of the campus after a person.

Looking as ever the studious, thoughtful educator, I.W. Mitchell gratefully acknowledged the tributes. "Trade and industry have done wonders in West Alabama." Serving as the president of the technical school from 1976-82, Mitchell should know.

It was under his stewardship that the campus doubled in size and such employers as B.F. Goodrich started taking on African-Americans educated at Fredd State. "I enjoyed all of my tenure here," Mitchell added. "I'm deeply appreciative of this honor."

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Circle K gives opportunity for students to give back to the community

By Kira L. Ward
Staff Writer

Shelton State Circle K organization is looking for students who enjoy volunteering and giving back to the community to join in the upcoming fall semester.

Membership dues are only \$20 and meetings are every Thursday at 12:15 p.m. in the library's Kiwanis room; there are no individual volunteer hours requirements.

Circle K is a convenient way to volunteer and meet new people, members are eligible for scholarships and awards, and it is a good way to round out your resume.

Club members have the choice to volunteer as a group or individually; some members may even represent Shelton at Circle K conferences and events.

On April 8, the Kiwanis organization in Tuscaloosa sponsored an Easter egg hunt for the Boys and Girls Club at the fairgrounds in Alberta City.

Club members Justin Williams, Kim West, Jason Spencer, Lindsey Day, Elizabeth Jones, Brittney Cockwell and Cyndi Watson participated by bringing candy and some money filled eggs and hiding them, along with assisting the children.

Kim West, president of Circle K at Shelton said, "The Easter egg hunt



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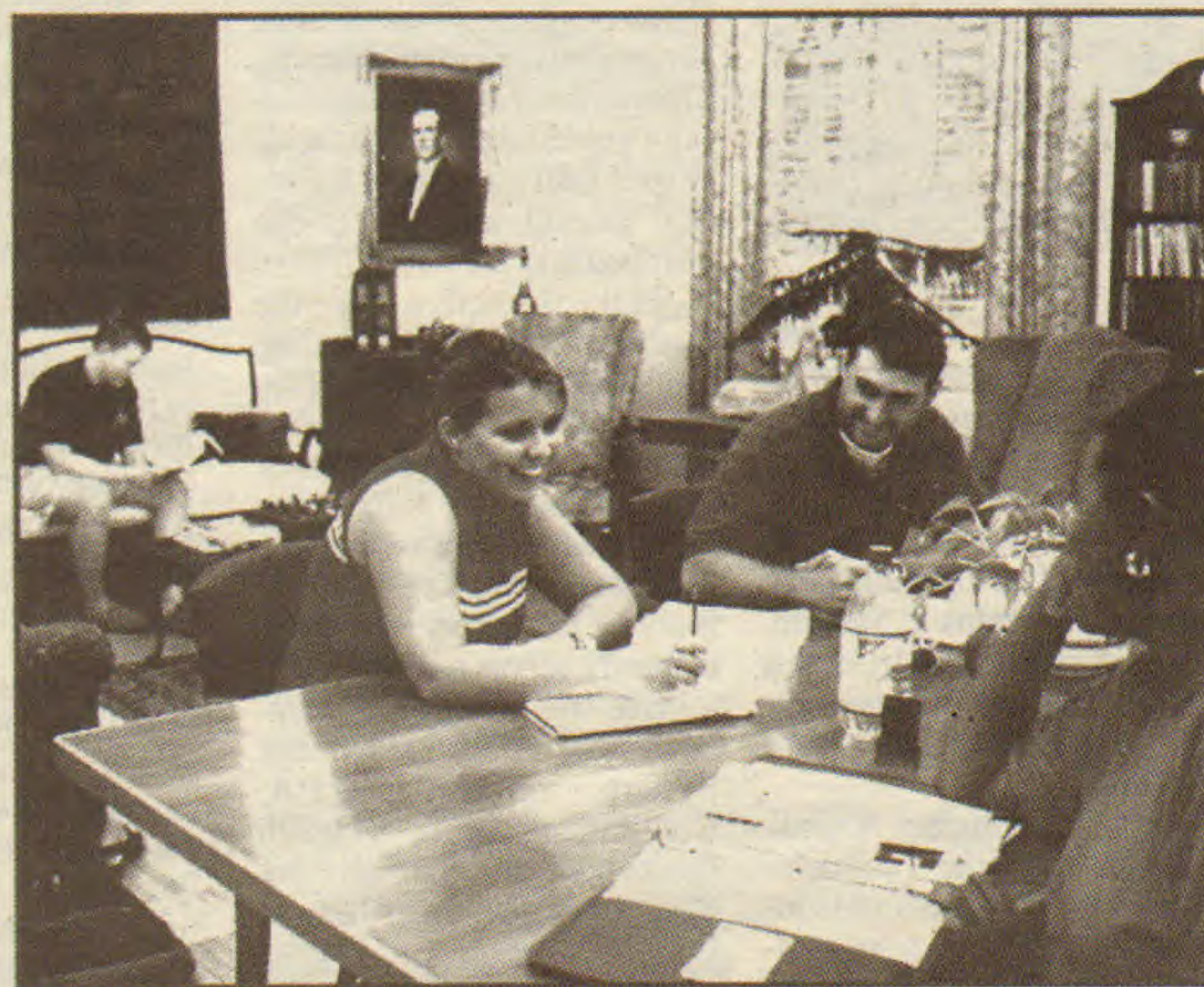
Circle K recently helped with an Easter egg hunt sponsored by the Kiwanis club. Members (L-R standing) Lindsey Day, Justin Williams, Kim West, Jason Spencer, (sitting) Elizabeth Jones, Brittney Cockwell and Cyndi Watson participated by bringing candy and some money filled eggs and hiding them, along with assisting the children.

was a lot of fun, the kids enjoyed it, and were looking forward to new members. Getting out there and actually doing the projects are worth all the preparation and planning.

The Skip-a-Meal program is the next project for Circle K. Circle K members and donating the money you would have spent on it to the Kiwanis Children's Fund. You can give the money to any Circle K member to donate. This event will be happening April 25- May 1.

If you have any questions about Circle K please contact Kim West at 343-0395 or Dr. Debbie Grimes, club advisor at 391-2233.

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all received All-Region North Conference honors. Stanford was Shelton's top hitter while Minton hit the team's lone home run of the season.

The top pitchers on the team are Rebecca Tweedy, Becky Scollard, and Hannah Jones according to Coach Daniels, but the team lost Jones to a broken finger earlier in the season.

When asked about the leaders of the team, Coach Daniels was quick to acknowledge Alicia Fields and Elizabeth Prince as the vocal and emotional captains of the team.

Their leadership has led

the Lady Bucs to a 16-16 record and a share of third in the North Conference.

Helping out Coach Daniels this season are assistant coaches Kayla Pond, Theresa Stephens, and Chris Samford.

Daniels expressed that it is difficult to put together a cohesive unit on the field because of the revolving door of new players from year to year.

Three-fourths of the team is freshman this year so bringing a whole group of new players together can be a difficult task, but the Lady Bucs fought through an early slump to finish strong in the league and with six new recruits already committed for next year, the trend of new faces on the field will continue.



Photo /Brandon Lovett

Lady Bucs Softball Batting Stats

	At Bats	RBI	Batting Average
Anna Stanford	94	12	.410
Alicia Fields	83	15	.241
Molly Minton	93	23	.387
Elizabeth Prince	94	11	.234
Teia Smith	52	11	.327
Tiffany Griffin	40	4	.222
Candace Perry	78	15	.296
Kristi Ethridge	74	4	.216
Ashley Whitmire	52	7	.327
Teresa Herring	19	5	.158
Ashley Wade	30	4	.266
Jennifer Hazelwood	23	11	.304
Rebecca Tweedy	6	0	.166
Becky Scollard	7	1	.286
Hannah Jones	22	3	.272
LaGina Harris	2	0	.000

Coach assesses season

By AnTonio Nevels
Staff Writer

Bobby Sprowl, Shelton's baseball coach, answered the following questions about the team's season thus far.

What is the team's current record?

24-20 (as of April 21)

Who is your best player?

Probably our shortstop Adam Stacey.

Who is your biggest rival?

If I had to say one team it would be Fayette. They always seem to play us pretty tough.

What is your team's best attribute?

I think that we have a good pitching rotation. We've have good pitching over the last couple of years.

How do you feel about your championship hopes?

We've just finished the hard part of our schedule and I feel that we have a good chance to go all the way.

The team seems to be ready to make some noise come tournament time.

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Shelton State to offer Spanish language class to local law enforcement

Shelton State Community College's Training for Business and Industry Center (TBI) has partnered with the West Alabama Narcotics Task Force to provide Spanish language classes for narcotics officers.

The West Alabama Narcotics Task Force includes officers from the Tuscaloosa Police Department, Tuscaloosa County Sheriff's Office, Northport Police Department, and the University of Alabama Police Department.

"In speaking with Captain Jeff Snyder of the Tuscaloosa Police Department, he indicated that with the Hispanic population growth in the Tuscaloosa area, his officers are confronted on a daily basis with issues dealing with Spanish speaking people. He met with the narcotics division to discuss the communi-

cation barrier and they decided to send all of the narcotics agents to our training," said Jill Hayes of Shelton State's TBI Center.

The six-week introductory level course will be taught by Nicole Diaz and will run from April 29 - June 3 and will be held at the Tuscaloosa Police Department. The materials (textbooks, on-scene survival guides, and CD's) that will be used have been designed by law enforcement personnel along with Spanish instructors.

The Training for Business and Industry Center at Shelton State Community College was created to develop customized designed courses to meet the needs of the West Alabama workforce and employers in the area. For additional information on the TBI Center, contact Jill Hayes at 205/391-2434.

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Expressing his enjoyment of working with the Fredd staff in redesigning the facility into the Unity Center is (R) architect Rex B. Veron. Fredd Campus Director Bryant Melton (L) expressed the appreciation of the Fredd Campus faculty and staff.

Cephus toiled as president of Fredd for eight years, from 1982-90. Cephus saw the campus gain not only its greatest height of recognition but also the successful merging with Shelton, assuring its long-term survival. Cephus brought several new education programs and buildings on line.

Then he oversaw a critical development—the recognition of C.A. Fredd as an Historically Black College

and University by the Department of Education.

This allowed Fredd to promote educational access and opportunity for all students in a culturally diverse community.

Facing a shrinking niche education market though, Cephus worked with Board of Education member Victor Poole and former Shelton president, Dr. Tom Umphrey, to oversee Fredd's merger with Shelton in 1990.

Accompanied by his wife and daughter, Cephus, like Mitchell, seem to take satisfaction from the recognition to not only himself, but to his staff who worked with him in sometimes difficult circumstances.

"I worked here for several years, and I must say that, along with faculty and staff, we worked diligently to provide experience for students so they could receive the type of training that would allow them to go into the world of work and become productive members of society," Cephus said.

After the event, Cephus wished to make one clarifying note. He pointed out he received his masters degree from Tuskegee University after gaining his B.A. from Alabama A&M University.

Lady Bucs soccer makes the grade

The Shelton State women's soccer team is one of only five teams in the country to be named 2003-2004 Fall Academic Team-of-the-Year.

The award is presented annually by the National Junior College Athletic Association.

Of the seven teams winning, Shelton State's Lady Bucs soccer team ranked fourth with a compiled GPA of 3.16.

This was the first time Shelton State's team has been honored.

The 23 members of the 2003-2004 Shelton State Community College Women's Soccer Team that helped achieve this award were Heather Barnes, Tori Dark, Margaux Edington, Molly Einfeldt, Shannon Everett, Erica Glidewell, Amy Green, Jana Green, Teresa Herring, Beth Johnson, Dreama Jones,



The 2003-2004 Lady Bucs soccer team not only had their most successful season yet, but they were also named one of the Fall Academic Teams of the Year.

Brooklyn Lewis, Maria Lizcano, Krista McMillan, Greta Perkins, Dottie Sloan, Stephanie Stams, Lindsey Tate, Sabrina Wailes, Kim West, Railey White, Megan Young, and Betsy Yeatman.

"Not only did we come off of our most successful soccer season yet, our players were also getting the job done in the

classroom. I couldn't be prouder of this group of student-athletes," said Coach Nellie Christian.

The 2003 Women's soccer team had a season record of 14-5-2 and made it to the "Sweet Sixteen" for National Junior College Athletic Association women's soccer playoffs.

Read to Your Children Day

SSCC students who participate in the EDGE Learning Community were the readers as well as serving as activity leaders for the Read to Your Children Day on April 23 at the Fredd Campus. They read four different stories then lead the children in a corresponding activity.



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Do Tuscaloosa college students use more drugs than average?

By **Kimberly Lord**
Staff Writer

Do you know what your classmates are doing when they are not in class?

According to an informal survey done on Shelton State and the University of Alabama Campus, some students are abusing illegal drugs such as marijuana, ecstasy and cocaine on a weekly or even daily basis.

Comments taken from students indicate that drug use in Tuscaloosa may be more prevalent here than in many other cities.

Students indicate that many times a person who is drinking is also under the influence of another substance.

Some students only use drugs "every once in a while" and don't think it is a bad thing, but even a few times can do damage.

According to the web site Drug Use in America, created by students at University of Wisconsin, 34 percent of students in 18 colleges in New York State have used marijuana

within the last year (office of alcohol...1996).

Of those percentages, only 14 percent use the drug at least weekly.

An informal survey done among Shelton State and University of Alabama students gave a very different number.

Considering the difficulty of asking random students a question relating to their own drug use or lack of, the responses may not be entirely accurate. But here goes:

- Five out of 10 college students use marijuana on weekends as recreation

- Three out of 10 use on a daily basis

- Eight out of 10 have tried it at least once in the past

The Dateline Alabama website shows the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration reports 17.1 million percent of young adults ages 18 to 25, used illegal drugs in 1999.

"The numbers in drug abuse have been increasing over the years in the United States," Lt. Jeff Snider of the Tuscaloosa Police Department narcotics division said in his

interview with Dateline Alabama. "Tuscaloosa is about average."

"I smoke it because it's the easiest to get, and it's everywhere. You can always find somebody who has it," said one of the students during the informal survey at Shelton State.

Based on the survey, marijuana is the most widely used narcotic at the Shelton State and University of Alabama campuses.

Other drugs such as hallucinogens and amphetamines are on a "dramatic decline" according to the website Drug Use in America.

This website found that 20 percent of students completely avoided drugs, including alcohol, within the past year. This fact may be accurate, but it's in contrast to the survey done

on the local campuses.

The informal survey found:

- Three out of 10 college students use ecstasy occasionally on the weekends

- Four out of 10 have tried ecstasy but do not use it on a regular basis.

When asked why she likes to take ecstasy or "MDMA" a student said, "It's just fun. I like it because it makes me feel good, and makes me happy and friendly to everybody."

Discussions with random students in the survey indicate a carefree approach to drug use.

Students say that it's "not a big deal and everybody does it."

According to the website of The Office of National Drug Control Policy, the drug ecstasy is a very big deal.

Upon use, this drug can cause confusion, anxiety, sleepiness, and paranoia.

The adverse physical effects of the amphetamine can include muscle tension, nausea, tremors, faint feeling, rapid heart rate and elevated blood pressure. Rave party attendees are at risk of dehydration, kidney hypothermia and heart or kidney failure.

But for many, consequences and long term effects are not what drug takers have in mind.

"Me and my friends use it as a party drug, because it makes you have more fun," one said.

A Shelton student said when asked about the drug, "It seems to be all about having fun at the time, but not what will happen in the future."

Hispanic community welcomed to Shelton

Shelton State Community College will welcome members of the Hispanic community to its Martin Campus on April 26 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. for "Open Arms," a cooperative program to provide information on resources available to the Spanish speaking community of West Alabama.

The event is being sponsored by Shelton State Community College, the University of Alabama, UA Spanish Outreach Program, Tuscaloosa Family Resource Center, United Way and the Hispanic Providers Network.

Guest speaker for the event will be Bill Castro from the Office of Homeland Security in Atlanta.

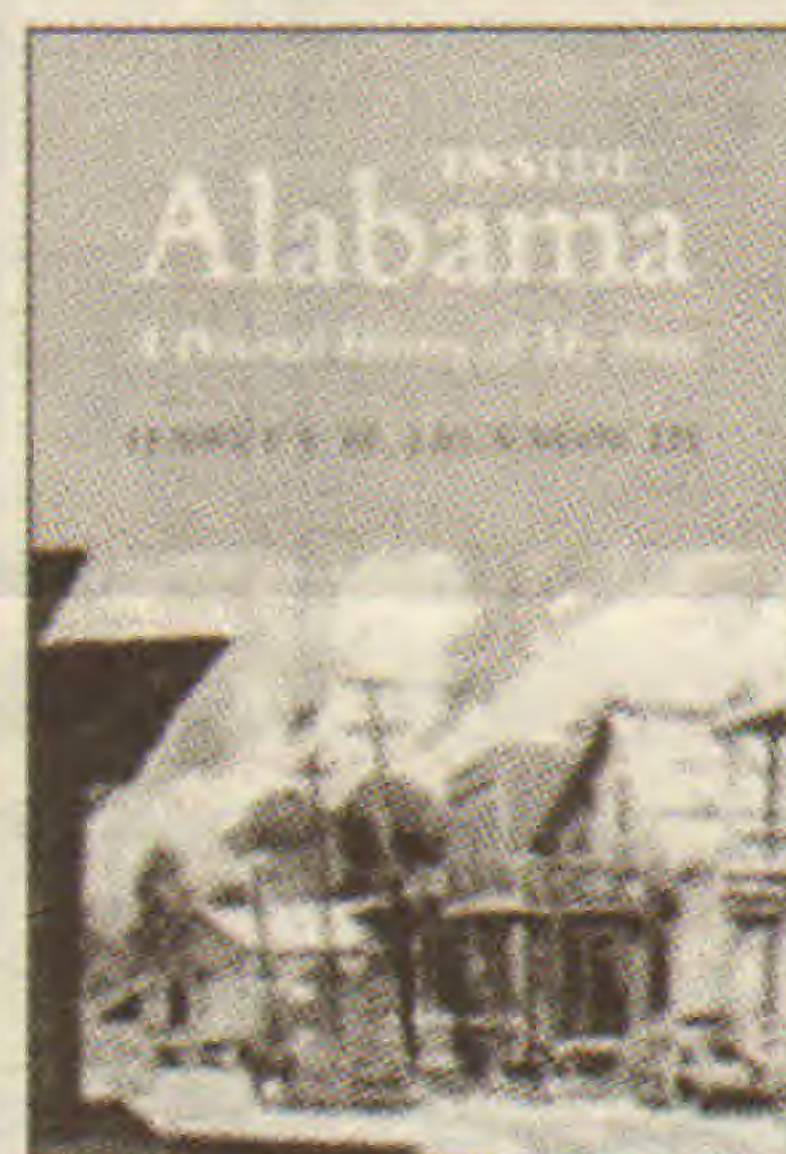
Julia Hayes with the Office of Minority Health of the Alabama Department of Public Health will moderate the afternoon's discussions.

A number of area agencies will have displays and information about the services they offer the Hispanic community and food and entertainment will also be provided.

Tuscaloosa Family Resource Center will unveil a new community poster that highlights their new Information and Referral Service that targets Hispanic families.

"I see the 'Open Arms' event as being a wonderful way for our community to embrace the Hispanic population and to better inform them of the services and employment opportunities in this area," said Teresa Constanzo of the Tuscaloosa Family Resource Center.

"Open Arms" is our first step in making this possible and we anticipate it becoming an annual event with expanded services in future years.



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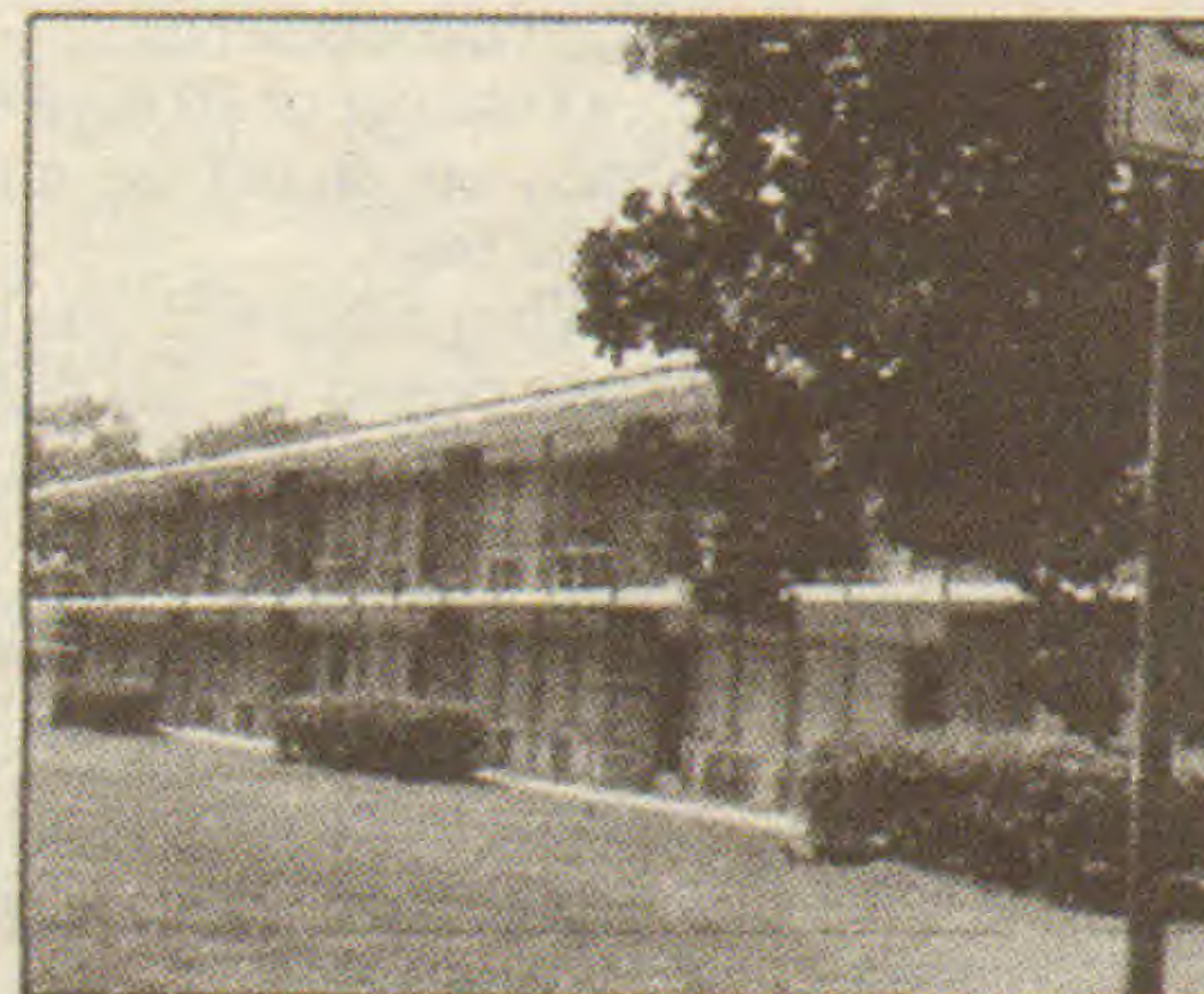
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